

programs through an innovative partnership which brings together dedicated teachers, businesspeople, and community volunteers with students. Baldwin's programs have been a bridge of understanding which have highlighted the talents and determination of its young people and the devotion of the teachers, businesspeople, and community volunteers who give their time and commitment to mentoring.

The mentoring process brings benefits to youth, the caring adults who guide them, and by extension to the community, the business world, and the region, and Baldwin's innovative mentoring program is outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to the Baldwin School District.

IN HONOR OF HOSPICE OF THE
WESTERN RESERVE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Hospice of the Western Reserve as it celebrates the opening of its Lakewood office. The new office will enable the Hospice to provide more quality care to the people of Lakewood.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based agency that provides comfort and care as well as emotional support to its patients and their families. Regardless of age, disease, or ability to pay, all are welcomed to the Hospice. Serving more than 1,000 patients daily, The Hospice of the Western Reserve is the largest program of its kind in Ohio and the fourth largest in the country.

In addition to pain alleviation, the Hospice also offers social, psychosocial and spiritual support for both patients and family members. The Hospice is ever increasing its ability to provide quality care and support and enhancing quality of life.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Hospice of the Western Reserve and the opening of its Lakewood office. Providing quality assistance to those who need it most, the Hospice stands as a monument to palliative care and end-of-life service.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN CADET
ALLIANCE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support and appreciation for the American Cadet Alliance and its recent establishment of a cadet unit located at the Hammer Field Army National Guard Armory in Fresno, CA. Tracing its heritage to 1909, the American Cadet Alliance is America's oldest nationwide Cadet Corps.

The American Cadet Alliance was founded as the Colonel Cody's Boy Scouts by Captain James H.C. Smyth in 1909. Shortly thereafter, the Colonel Cody's Boy Scouts was reorga-

nized as the American Naval and Marine Scouts. The American Naval and Marine Scouts continued to evolve and through numerous reorganization efforts, the efforts of the American Nautical Alliance, Inc., and the Maritime Brigade came full circle with the eventual merger of the two to form the American Cadet Alliance, Inc.

The American Cadet Alliance is led by a team of professional officers who currently serve on a voluntary basis. The American Cadet Alliance is a career-exploration program, providing young men and women with realistic view of military life, allowing them to make informed decisions regarding future service in the Armed Forces. Through a multifaceted cadet program, the importance of national pride, service to others, and maintaining a drug-free and gang-free lifestyle serve as hallmarks of the American Cadet Alliance message.

Under the leadership and sponsorship provided by the Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, and with assistance from the Fresno Recruiting Company of the United States Army Recruiting Command, and guidance from local, State, national Military leaders, current and prospective participants will prove to benefit from the character building skills evident throughout the cadet program.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support of the American Cadet Alliance unit in Fresno, CA, and to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the local efforts to ensure this program's success. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the American Cadet Alliance many years of continued success.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF POLAND IN AFGHANISTAN
AND IRAQ

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contributions Poland has made in the ongoing operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Poland has been a steadfast ally of the United States, and I thank the Polish people and government for their friendship.

America has enjoyed strong ties with Poland since our Nation's founding. During the American Revolution, Polish patriots such as Casimir Pulaski and Tadeusz Kosciuszko made valuable contributions in securing our Nation's independence. Today, over 30 percent of my district and 9 million Americans across our country can claim Polish ancestry.

The Polish and American Governments have enjoyed close, bilateral relations since 1989, when Poland became a free, democratic, and independent nation. Since that time, Poland has made dramatic strides in securing its democracy, improving its economy, and developing strong relationships with its neighbors in Europe and abroad. This is evident in Poland's joining of NATO in 1999 and the European Union in 2004.

In addition to its membership in NATO, Poland's military has been very active in United Nations' peacekeeping forces and has played a vital role in the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Poland currently has 1,000 troops

deployed in Iraq, and when a recent call went out to NATO nations asking for reinforcements to Afghanistan, Poland was the first to respond, pledging 900 additional troops to that country.

Today, along with the Caucus on Central and Eastern Europe, I had the honor of hosting the chief of general staff of Polish Armed Forces, General Gabor. General Gabor is a distinguished soldier and a proven leader. I have no doubt that under General Gabor's watch the Polish military will continue to make valuable contributions to peace around the world.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Poland's contributions in Afghanistan and Iraq and to recognize Poland as one of our Nation's most important allies.

NATIONAL ADDICTION RECOVERY
MONTH

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call our attention to National Addiction Recovery Month this September, and I encourage all my colleagues to join me in recognizing and commending those who commit their time and effort to addiction recovery.

In 2005, an estimated 19 million Americans used illicit drugs. The impact of this pandemic is felt not only by individuals and their families, but by society as well. Addiction costs our society and economy billions of dollars each year, in health care costs, property damage, and lost productivity. It also costs lives, and causes immense amounts of grief and pain. Addiction is a disease, and it must be attacked as such. No one is immune from addiction, as it afflicts people of all ages, all races, all classes, and all professions.

As with any serious disease, the treatment for addiction relies on great amounts of research and advances in health sciences. There have been tremendous strides in the fight against addiction. Congress allocates billions of dollars each year on addiction research at the National Institutes of Health. The NIH is a leader in this regard, and it has committed funds to research on addiction, including research on how addiction takes over the brain, the body, and the central nervous system. We must continue to fund NIH at the level it deserves so scientists can unlock the mysteries of addiction and its impact on individuals and society.

Today, September 20, 2006, is National Addiction Professionals Day, and I applaud the hard work and dedication of addiction counselors who must encounter daily the difficult task of prevention, intervention, and treatment. The research on addiction that NIH conducts can only support and complement the addiction counselors' efforts in helping many Americans afflicted with addiction. We need to give them all of the support we can.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the valuable contributions of all those who devote their time and energy to addiction recovery. We should honor and appreciate their hard work. Congress has shown strong support for this issue. However, we are far from victory, and we must continue

our steadfast fight against drug and alcohol addiction. I look forward to the day when addiction to drugs and alcohol are eradicated, and these wonderful professionals can take their final bow.

RECOGNIZING JESSE CASH FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jesse Cash, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 633, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jesse has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jesse has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Jesse held the principal leadership position of Venturing Crew President and has actively supported the ministry of Heartland Presbyterian Center.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jesse Cash for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF EVY
DUBROW

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and recognition of Evelyn Kahan Dubrow who passed away on June 20, 2006. Known to her friends and colleagues as "Evvy", she dedicated her life to the public service of worker's rights in the United States for over 5 decades. Known on Capitol Hill as the lobbyist everyone loves, Evvy had the ability to be a uniter and inexorable activist for the power of the people. As a union activist and general advocate for working families from across the country, Evvy's accomplishments ranged from being named one of Washington Magazine's Top 100 Women to winning the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

From a humble upbringing as the daughter of immigrant Belorussian factory workers, Evvy rose to become one of America's most notable labor organizers. Her ability to not stray from her roots while still embracing a wide variety of viewpoints led to her success as a civil rights activist and a champion of the average American.

Her distinguished career in labor organizing eventually led her to Washington, DC, where she became a pillar of the movement as an unflinching and vigilant lobbyist for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Her accomplishments were honored in 1999 nationally when President Clinton named her a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Upon meeting Evvy Dubrow, President Clinton said that she was a tiny woman, larger than life. The President went on to note her candor, strength, and dedication to being the champion of the impoverished.

Indefatigable until the end, Evvy lived until age 95 and never lost her passion for human rights and the spirit of each individual person.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory and recognizing the great accomplishments of Evvy Dubrow in the field of labor organizing. For over 50 years, Evvy Dubrow stood for the strength, resolve, and gritty integrity of millions of working class Americans.

STUDENT AND TEACHER SAFETY
ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Maintaining school safety is an important objective of school administrators and communities around the country, but this bill will only serve to complicate the lives of school officials and probably violate students' Constitutional rights in the process.

In 1969, the Supreme Court stated in *Tinker v. Des Moines* 393 U.S. 503 (1969) that students do not "shed their constitutional rights when they enter the schoolhouse door." While *Tinker* was a free speech case, the principle applies here as well. The vague legislative language of H.R. 5295 would lead school officials to believe that they have the authority to conduct searches that could be at odds with the standards set out by the Supreme Court in the 1985 decision of *New Jersey v. T.L.O.* 469 U.S. 325 (1985), the 1 guiding case on this issue, in which the Court attempted to strike a balance between student privacy and school discipline and safety.

While this bill correctly requires that school officials have "reasonable suspicion" before conducting a search of a student, it describes too broadly the purpose and the scope of the search that school administrators can conduct. The bill incorrectly suggests that school officials can conduct random, wide scale searches of students without having any individualized suspicion that a particular student to be searched is participating in criminal activity or breaking the school rules.

When schools officials do not focus student searches on individuals who are suspected of violating the law or school rules, the results of the searches are often fruitless. School administrators will do more to improve children's safety by concentrating on suspicious behavior and credible information from teachers and students that school rules or criminal laws are being broken, than by conducting widespread unsubstantiated searches.

While this legislation is well intentioned, it nonetheless constitutes bad policy and is constitutionally unsound. Even if the language in

the bill accurately reflects today's constitutional standards, Court decisions are often modified by subsequent decisions. School officials may therefore find themselves in the future caught between complying with an obsolete statute or obeying the modified Court decision and risking the loss of funding under this bill.

School districts have a long history of abiding by search and seizure policies that are consistent with court rulings. This legislative directive is unnecessary and will only serve to further complicate the lives of students and teachers. This is the reason why the American Federation of Teachers, National School Board Association, the Council of the Great City Schools, the National PTA, the American Association of School Administrators and the ACLU all oppose the bill. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

PENIEL RESIDENTIAL DRUG AND
ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTER
CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of a community service organization in my congressional district. Housed in Tanneryville, a suburban area near the city of Johnstown, PA, Peniel Residential Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center is a successful comprehensive treatment program that offers help to both men and women 18 years of age and older who are suffering from the effects of substance abuse.

Through the use of an individualized treatment plan, each client has his or her needs addressed on a personal level for the length of the treatment period, which is between 12 and 18 months.

The aim and driving force behind the Peniel program is to help people overcome their addictions and learn how to live effective and productive lives as contributing members of their communities.

Treating roughly 45 patients at a time on a revolving basis, Peniel has helped hundreds of people break the chains of drug and alcohol addiction through a religious, community-centered program.

One of the best and most gratifying by-products of the program is the considerable number of graduates who now call the Johnstown area their home, having successfully integrated back into society as business owners and community leaders leading a healthy life.

In addition to equipping each resident with the ability to maintain his or her sobriety, Peniel empowers clients to manage their immediate environment and to have a positive influence in their homes, churches and communities following completion of the program.

Again, I offer my congratulations to Peniel for reaching the milestone of its 25th anniversary. I am confident that, with such excellent programs, the organization will continue to be a vital asset to the region for another 25 years and beyond.